

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1298

By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to commend Park M. Strader for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those noteworthy public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Park "Parkey" M. Strader is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Strader's illustrious career in the House of Representatives will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 105th General Assembly, as he has announced his retirement from this august body; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Parkey Strader has been a prominent and highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Knox County, the leading economic force in the rapidly growing East Tennessee region; he served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the good people of the 14th House District evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Representative Strader by electing him as their representative to the General Assembly, a position in which he performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, during his two terms and four years in the House of Representatives, Parkey Strader was prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always voted his conscience; and

WHEREAS, Representative Strader was a dynamic and aggressive participant in the legislative process and earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for the outstanding contributions he made as a member of the House Commerce and State and Local Government

Committees and of the House Local Government, State Government, and Industrial Impact Subcommittees; and

WHEREAS, Parkey Strader, an accomplished public servant long before he arrived on Capitol Hill, has dedicated his entire career to the service of his fellow citizens, as he served the office of Knox County Assessor for seven terms from 1972 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of citizenship, Representative Strader is a valuable contributor to many civic, professional, and governmental organizations, including the Knoxville Republican Executive Committee, the West Knoxville Republican Club, the Concord Republican Club, and the National Rifle Association; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Parkey Strader has been honored numerous times for his exceptional leadership abilities; he won the University of Tennessee's 2004 Certified Public Administrator Award and was recognized by the International Association of Assessment Officers as a Certified Assessment Evaluator; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Representative Strader is perhaps most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife and his two children; and

WHEREAS, Parkey Strader is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Representative Park M. Strader for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 14th House District of Knox County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to Parkey Strader our best wishes for every success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.